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SUBJECT: ~~TRAVEL OF SENATOR DECONCINI~~

1. SENATOR DECONCINI OF ARIZONA PLANS TO TRAVEL TO ETHIOPIA AND PERHAPS KENYA TO VIEW DROUGHT SITUATION DURING FEBRUARY CONGRESSIONAL RECESS. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. DECONCINI AND ONE STAFFER. THE SENATOR'S OFFICE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES; MRS. DECONCINI HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH A KENYA PROGRAM ENTITLED "MEALS FOR THE MILLIONS." IN ADDITION TO FAMINE SITUATION, THE SENATOR HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE PLIGHT OF ETHIOPIAN JEWS.

2. TENTATIVE PLANS ARE TO ARRIVE IN ADDIS ON FEBRUARY 11 FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT, FOLLOWED BY SHORT STOPOVER IN KENYA. EXACT ITINERARY WILL FOLLOW. DEPARTMENT IS ARRANGING VISAS IN WASHINGTON. WE WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS AVAILABLE.
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